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SUBJECT: MAHAMMED SHAWWA'S COMMENTS ON GAZA POLITICAL
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1. MAHAMMED SHAWWA, NEPHEW OF GAZA MAYOR RASHAD SHAWWA AND SELF-STYLED "FOREIGN MINISTER" OF SHAWWA CLAN, MADE COURTESY CALL AT EMBASSY 4 NOVEMBER AND IN DISCUSSION WITH DAM AND POLITICAL OFFICER EXPANDED ON SOME THEMES REPORTED REFTELS.

2. SHAWWA SAID HIS UNCLE, MAYOR RASHAD SHAWWA, MADE CLEAR HE "REASSUMED" RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICE ON BASIS OF PRE-1967 MANDATE, NOT ON BASIS OF ISRAELI APPOINTMENT WHICH WOULD OPEN HIM TO CHARGES OF LEGITIMIZING ACTS OF OCCUPYING POWER. EXPANDING ON HIS LONG VIEW OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, MAHAMMAD SHAWWA SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO PLANNED
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NEWSPAPER TO PROPAGATE POLITICAL VIEWS AND

INTERESTS OF HIS "GROUP" (HE THOUGHT "FAMILY" OR "CLAN" CHARACTERIZATION TOO RESTRICTIVE), HE IS ORGANIZING AGENCY TO ASSIST ARAB TRAVELERS TO AND FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORY, THUS BUILDING UP SHAWWA'S POLITICAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND STRENGTHENING HIS IMAGE AS RESOURCEFUL HELPER IN TRADITIONAL WAY. HIS IMPRESSION OF FINAL SETTLEMENT IS FEDERATION OF GAZA, ISRAEL, WEST BANK, JORDAN, AND LEBANON.

3. COMMENT: SHAWWA DURING STAY IN AMMAN DOUBTLESS INTENDS TO REASSURE KING HUSSEIN OF HIS AND HIS UNCLE'S TIES WITH HASHEMITE KINGDOM AND PERHAPS PRESS ON KING VIEWS (PARA 2 ABOVE) ABOUT POLITICAL FUTURE. WHILE GOI, WE BELIEVE, INTERESTED IN HAVING ITS GAZAN FRIENDS KEEP POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY DURING THIS TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. KING HUSSEIN PROBABLY UNDER NO ILLUSIONS AT THIS POINT ABOUT POSSIBILITIES SOON OF TURNING BACK THE CLOCK AS THOROUGHLY AS SHAWWA APPARENTLY THINKS IS POSSIBLE. INCIDENTALLY, WE HAVE NOTICED FROM RECENT ISRAELI RADIO BROADCASTS THAT GOI IS PUSHING POSITION THAT EVENTUAL SOLUTION TO PALESTINIAN ISSUE LIES WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF OVERALL PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN AND THAT SHAWWA'S VIEWS HAVE A GREAT DEAL IN COMMON WITH THIS GOI POSITION.
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